

NEW SCHEME OF TAXATION IS WARLIKE

Compromises Refused--Estate Will Go to Court

FORCE LANDS OPEN Two Hundred Acres In Market Following Assessment

Preparations are now being made by some of the largest land holding interests in the Islands to wage a bitter fight on values assessed against them. Foremost among these is the Bishop Estate, which according to statements yesterday, will carry its fight as high as the United States Supreme Court.

The new assessments, which will raise the total value of Island property by twenty-five million dollars, have had among other things, the effect of throwing 200 acres of Bishop Estate land into the city realty market. For years this particular plot which lies back of the Kamehameha Schools and beside the Alewa Heights tract, has been valued by the tax office at perfunctory acreage figures. This year it was determined that city property is city property and the testimony of actual sales in adjoining lots showed that it formed a part of a valuable city district. It was therefore assessed at city values.

To Cut Up Tract.

Authoritative reports state that the Bishop Estate is now about to cut the entire two hundred acres into residential lots and put the whole on the market, concluding that looking upon land upon which subdivision taxes are being paid as acreage is too expensive.

Various things have guided the tax office in raising assessments this year, not the least of which was, the Makaha site verdict which boosted city business-site values. Treasurer Conkling made this an important factor in the calculations although it is understood Tax Assessor Wilder of this district considered it far too high. Pineapple lands have been raised in assessed value on the basis that the proceeds of the crops have already automatically done so. Cane lands have been raised slightly in value, the Makaweli plantation, Kauai, to quote an instance, being raised \$120,000 over the Gay & Robinson returns to the tax assessor.

Again, chief among the reasons for the trouble which is expected from some quarters over the assessments, is the refusal of Treasurer Conkling to listen to suggestions for compromise.

No Compromise.

"It has been the custom ever since the Territory was organized for land holders, to come to the treasurer and offer a compromise," said Mr. Conkling yesterday. "I have been following this rule myself for two years, but this year I could not see why it was necessary for the Territory to make any compromise when the assessments were made on what it believed to be actual values. So I was compelled to tell those who came to consider a compromise that I could do nothing for them. We are prepared to take our cases to the supreme court of the Territory if the decision of the appeal courts goes against us."

No appeals had been filed up to Saturday morning, although the chances for appeal from the assessor's figures end on May 1. The treasurer, however, looks for a number. The appeal courts will be named by the Governor on June 1, according to law.

BROTHER ARRESTS BROTHER FOR THEFT OF FIVE THOUSAND

LOS ANGELES, California, April 22.—Patrolman John Level last night arrested his half-brother, Merri Level, cashier of the All Day and Night Bank charged with the theft of five thousand dollars from that institution. The arrest came after a long hunt for the cashier. Merri is accused of having taken the money and turned it over to his own brother, Ellis Level, who is reported to have disappeared. The police are looking for him.

WARDEN QUILTS.

SACRAMENTO, California, April 22.—It was announced here last night that Warden Reilly, for years head of the State Prison at Folsom, had tendered his resignation to the Governor. No reason is given for the step.

MASKED BANDITS ROB PASSENGERS

FORCE PULLMAN PORTER TO ACT AS THEIR ASSISTANT IN ROBBERY—ESCAPE.

CHICAGO, April 22.—A trio of bandits, all carefully masked, entered a sleeper on a Rock Island train near here last night and robbed the six occupants of the car. They succeeded in getting a large amount of money and valuables.

After going through the belongings of the passengers, the bandits called for the porter, and when he appeared, covered him with their guns, and ordered him to aid them in making their escape. By his assistance they managed to stop the train and disappeared into the darkness along the track. Posses have been formed and a chase of the robbers begun, but there is nothing in the way of a clue for the police to work upon.

COL. FRENCH TELLS OF SALVATION ARMY'S WORK IN TERRITORY

Col. George French of Chicago, one of the greatest of Salvation Army leaders, quoted statistics last evening in an address delivered at the Central Union Church, showing that during the year ending March 1, 1912, 60,437 people attended the various services conducted by the Salvation Army in the Hawaiian Islands.

He told of the work that is being done in the Territory by the Army, and of its general work throughout the world, ending with a general evangelistic plea.

According to the figures presented by Colonel French there are fourteen offices in Hawaii and 45 corps and circuits. In the year from March 1911 to March 1912 there were in the Islands 2267 indoor services and 1833 open air services. The attendance was 46,440. Seventeen hundred and eighty-eight attended the Sunday school and young peoples' meetings, making the grand total 60,437. The grand total attendance in the preceding year was 54,364.

In this period since November, 1909, 43 girls have been passed out from the Salvation Army Home, and there are now 11 inmates. Out of those 43 girls six are now married happily, two are building homes, 20 have returned to their own homes or those of friends, 11 have situations, 3 are in other schools or institutions of learning, and 4 have been termed unsatisfactory. The percentage of satisfactory results is shown to be 91.

Requirements of Home.

"No girl," said Colonel French, "is turned away from the Home upon application. All girls are required to remain four months."

Eighty-three children were dealt with during the same period. Of these 53 have been passed out to friends or to other homes. Their maintenance costs \$8 per month. The work represents a property investment of \$40,000 or over.

The local hotel and reading room statistics of the Army, quoted by Colonel French, show that 865 beds were occupied for cash and 313 free during the past year, making a total of 1178. The daily average number of men in the reading room was 150. Situations were found for 25.

Colonel French supplemented his talk with some figures showing the great reach of the Salvation Army's work in the United States. According to these figures, compiled for the year ending September 30, 1910, there are 896 corps and outposts in the United States, the indoor attendance was 8,248,497, the junior meetings held were 54,551, with a total attendance at the junior meetings of 1,552,998. There are 26 rescue homes, with accommodation for 685. The number of girls admitted for the year quoted was 1372; passed out, 1318; meals supplied, 674,535; beds supplied, 235,358; children admitted, 938; children passed out, 891.

Morning Sermon.

Colonel French spoke yesterday morning at the Methodist Church on "The Missionary's Equipment," choosing his text from Philippians x, 10.

The missionary's equipment, he said, was threefold. It was to know Christ, the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings. Paul knew religion, declared the speaker, for he had been brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, but his yearning now was to know the Christ, not historically but as a living vital personality in his own life.

Speaking on his second point, he declared that the resurrection is a fact and that there can be no Christianity without it. "Jesus on the cross simply meant forgiveness; Jesus dead and buried would have spelled defeat and Jesus raised from the dead means new life," was the way the preacher put it.

"Suffering is necessary to the perfection of character," summed up in Colonel French's own words, his reason for including the third part of the "equipment."

"All the prestige, power and influence that the great apostle had gained consequent upon his good ancestry, educational advantages and religious attainments," the speaker concluded, "all paled into insignificance as compared with the splendid vision he had of Christ."

WHY COLDS ARE DANGEROUS.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can? For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

STEAMERS CRASH IN DENSE FOG

EL SUD AND DENVER RAN EACH OTHER OFF GALVESTON—PANIC FOLLOWS.

GALVESTON, Texas, April 22.—In a dense fog the steamers El Sud and Denver, rammed each other outside the harbor yesterday morning. Both vessels were coming in after a trip from New York, and failed to see or hear each other, until too late. No one was hurt, but both vessels were badly damaged.

When the bow of the Denver loomed above the bulwarks of the Morgan liner El Sud, Captain Forbes was on the bridge with his first mate. The shock threw him on to his face, and his crew, thinking he had been killed, became panic stricken. The engine room force deserted their posts and fled to the deck, where they joined the deck hands in leaping onto the deck of the Denver. It was some time before they could be forced back on their own vessel, which, although badly damaged, was still floating, and, as it proved, could be navigated into port.

The bows of the Denver are crumpled and she was making water fast when brought alongside the dock. Her men are said to have been well in hand during the time of the El Sud's panic.

BURGLARS KEEPING HILO POLICE BUSY

MEMBERS OF THE FORCE PARADING STREETS SEARCHING FOR NIGHT PROWLERS.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, April 21.—The police have been on the qui vive for burglars for a week. Officers have been called in from the outside stations in Hilo district, and every night members of the force, regulars and specials, are marching about hoping to apprehend some of the burglars.

No less than three robberies were committed on Monday night. Only one of these was successful. The Williams' place on Pitman street, now occupied by Deputy County Attorney Heen and Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, was entered and robbed. It was the latter who was the victim. Everyone was asleep when the burglar entered through the back door, shut, but not locked. He went through the kitchen and entered the living room through the swinging door. Here he showed his foresight by keeping the swinging door open by stuffing a pillow in front of it, thus securing an open way for retreat. He entered the Forbes bedroom, and from the bureau he took eight dollars and some small pieces of jewelry. Mrs. Forbes' watch, which was close at hand, he left behind.

The other place entered was that of George Munday, on the Volcano road. Mr. Munday was in Honolulu at the time, and only women and children occupied the house. About one o'clock in the morning an aunt of the Munday girls had gone to the bathroom, when she was startled by hearing a noise. On looking up she saw a leg coming through the transom. Instead of pulling the leg and thus securing the burglar while he was in a practically defenseless position, the lady lifted her voice in alarm, and the intruder hastily disappeared.

The Japanese servant's quarters at the Deyo place on Pitman street, were entered that same night, but no booty was secured. The barking of the family dog aroused the Misses Deyo. When the Japanese returned in the morning, having spent his night elsewhere, he found that the visitor had ransacked his room, turning his belongings upside down, apparently in the hope of finding coin.

NOTED HORSEMAN BADLY INJURED

Ben Gallagher, the foremost horse-trainer and breaker in the Islands, is at the Queen's Hospital seriously and perhaps fatally injured as the result of a slight fall from a tallyho yesterday afternoon. Gallagher was just returning from a trip around the Island with the tallyho and was turning into the Stockyards Stables at King and Punchbowl streets, when the accident occurred. He was stepping from his seat and, accustomed to the vehicle, was careless in dismounting. For once, however, he missed the hub of the wheel which forms a step in the descent and fell heavily to the ground, striking the back of his head against the cement floor of the stables.

The police ambulance was summoned and Gallagher taken the short distance to the hospital. Blood was flowing from his ears as he was removed to the operating room and it is feared that his skull might be fractured.

Gallagher, in the course of his career as trainer and breaker, has received falls and knocks that would have killed ordinary men and he has a reputation about the entire group for dare-devilry unexcelled by that of any other single man. That so slight a misstep should do what hundreds of unbroken and wild horses have been unable to do through forty years work in the saddle testifies again to Fate's irony.

Mrs. R. R. Reidford sailed for San Francisco yesterday, as did Mrs. J. A. Raymond, by the Korea.

NOT CONCERNED WITH SHIP'S NAVIGATION, DECLARES ISMAY

TITANIC'S COMMANDER WARM FRIEND OF HONOLULU FOLK

Close personal friends of Commander Edward J. Smith, captain of the lost Titanic, were George Sherman and Mrs. Sherman of this city, and the fact that the man who perished with the big steamer was "their Captain Smith," the man who commanded the White Star liner which took them on their honeymoon to Europe, who was captain of the vessels on which they crossed and recrossed the Atlantic seven times, they established yesterday by cabling New York.

Mrs. Sherman pays tribute to the British seaman's sturdy character and attractive personality in the highest terms, and incidentally recounts much that is interesting of the heroic master.

"He was a man in a class by himself," said she yesterday, "and the White Star line for many years gave him command of the newest ships and of course the largest. He counted among his friends dozens of the best known Americans, many of whom would cross the Atlantic every year in whatever ship he commanded, spend their summers abroad and return with him, and him only, in the fall. One man boasted crossing more than twenty-one consecutive years with him. Captain Smith was genial, kind hearted and devoted to his friends. He was a loyal Briton and duty was always foremost with him." One of Captain Smith's ambitions, according to Mrs. Sherman, was to cross the Atlantic in a thousand-foot steamer. The Titanic was eight hundred and eighty-two feet long. The Sherman's met the veteran commander on their honeymoon when the White Star line gave them a special suite on Captain Smith's steamer. Since then they have crossed with him six times, have visited him at his home in Southampton, and are close friends of Captain Smith's widow and daughter.

Captain Smith's standing with prominent Americans is evinced by the fact that forty citizens of New York, including such men as J. Pierpont Morgan, Chauncey M. Depew, Frank A. Munsey, Andrew Carnegie and others of like standing, tendered him a dinner at the Metropolitan Club in New York last December and presented him with a purse of \$5000 as a token of esteem, after he had been exonerated from all blame for the accident to the Olympic.

NIELSEN'S LUCK PROVES STANCH FRIEND IN NEED

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, April 19.—A. R. Nielsen might well be accounted the luckiest man in Hilo. After having made monkeys out of the police and the court twice, by breaking parole and skipping off to Honolulu, and after having been convicted of larceny, this child of fortune Thursday managed to have a sentence of a month's imprisonment, for larceny, set aside, and to have a fine of \$50 imposed in its place. Nielsen skipped out in the Mauna Kea April 12, and so well he hid that the police of Maui failed to locate him on board. He was, however, apprehended by the Honolulu police, and was brought back to Hilo last week by Sheriff Jarrett. Nielsen appeared before Judge Wise Wednesday afternoon, charged with larceny and with contempt of court.

Julio Augustino stated that Nielsen had asked him to let him see a ten dollar gold piece of the new issue. Julio did so, whereupon Nielsen put it in his pocket and walked off. As he did not return, Julio finally realized that this was not a joke, as he had at first supposed, and set out to find Nielsen—and had him arrested. A hack-driver and a bootblack corroborated Julio's story.

Nielsen's Yarn.

Nielsen told a wonderful yarn. He claimed that Julio had asked him some time previously to teach him to run an automobile, and Nielsen had said that he would do so for a tuition fee of \$10. This Julio admitted. On this basis Nielsen built up a lengthy story. He said that the \$10 he took was his tuition fee, that he pocketed it and thanked Julio for it, whereupon he had gone to get a machine in which to take Julio out riding. Later he said that he had intended to give Julio back the money. On cross-examination Nielsen admitted that he had dodged Julio all over town. He then said that he had gone to get \$10 from a friendly railroad employee in order to repay Julio. When asked what had become of the original ten spot, he claimed that he had hidden it under the front seat of the Canario machine, fearing that if he kept it on him, Julio might take it away from him. When he was so entangled in his statements that no other way seemed open, Nielsen said that it was all a josh, anyhow.

The trip to Honolulu was also "explained" by Nielsen.

"They had me pinched on the bench warrant," he said. "So I thought I would take a pleasure trip to Honolulu for a couple of days. I thought I was going to get stung, so I thought I would go to my mother to get some money."

Judge Wise fined him \$10 on the contempt charge and imprisonment for a month on the larceny charge. And then came the great surprise.

The prisoner said he did not want to go to jail. And the court agreed to set aside the sentence, provided the prosecution would recommend the change. Heen wanted time for thought, so the matter was continued until the following morning. The following morning Heen said that there were several other parties complaining of Nielsen. He thought the original sentence was surprisingly lenient, and might as well stand.

Judge Wise asked Nielsen what he thought about it. He said he would rather be fined, so fined he was, fifty dollars.

REMEDY FOR SCALE ON BANANAS FOUND BY WILY CHINESE

The labors undertaken by one Hercules in cleaning out a famous set of stables are nothing compared to the task undertaken by a local Chinese grower of Hawaiian bananas. The story would be laughable were there not other elements therein that are of more importance than mere humor. The Chinaman's banana patch was badly infested by scale and was visited some time ago by Dr. E. V. Wilcox, making an educational tour of these little plantations.

"The only thing you can do with this patch if you ever hope to get any bananas into California," said the horticulturist, "is to cut it all down and start over again."

"No," said the oriental with emphasis, "me lub off scale with a lag."

The doctor contemplated the huge patch with hundreds of bunches ready to cut, calculated rapidly what it would mean to rub the scale off the individual bananas and stems in that patch and retreated in despair. Just a day or so ago, however, he paid the banana grower a second visit and there were the cut bunches, hundreds of them, just as clean and free from scale as they could possibly be.

"How did you do it?" he inquired. "Lubbed 'im with a lag," responded the triumphant one.

Since then Dr. Wilcox has been philosophizing at some length on the patience of the oriental.

HEARD IN HONOLULU

Bad Backs Made Strong—Kidney Pills Corrected.

All over Honolulu you hear it keeping up the good work, curing weak kidneys, driving away backache, correcting urinary ills. Honolulu people are telling about it—telling of bad backs sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townpeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable, if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful, scanty and off color, use Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Honolulu citizen's advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

B. T. White, Pearl City, Oahu, Honolulu, Hawaii, says: "I am ninety-two years of age and suffered from backache and kidney disease for eight years. I have given Doan's Backache Kidney Pills a fair trial and have been so greatly benefited that I cheerfully recommend them to other kidney sufferers."

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50 cents per box (six boxes \$2.50) or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., Honolulu, wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

Remember the name Doan's, and take no substitute.

FRANCE AND GERMANY

RATIFY CONGO PACT.

BERLIN, April 9.—Ratifications of the treaty entered into between France and Germany in the matter of the cession of territory in the Congo to Germany have been exchanged.

Denies Other Charges Made About His Conduct

Says He Worked to Fill Titanic's Life Boats

Cable Ship Picks Up Bodies of 64 Victims

NEW YORK, April 22.—In an indignant statement issued late last night, J. Bruce Ismay, chairman of the board of directors of the White Star line, and a passenger on board the liner Titanic, when she sank off the Grand Banks, one week ago, denied that he had in any way concerned himself with the navigation of the vessel, and praised the conduct of Captain Smith.

Mr. Ismay said that, while it was true that efforts were being made to establish a record for the vessel's maiden trip across the Atlantic, no precaution was omitted, and that the circumstances were such as every steamer desiring to make fast time from port to port, is compelled to face. There is always a risk in making any sea voyage, he added, but that the character of the men in charge of the Titanic was guarantee that there was no carelessness or unnecessary chance taken.

Defends Himself.

In speaking of the reflections which the local papers have made upon his personal courage, and his conduct in saving himself when more than sixteen hundred men and women passengers on one of his company's boats, drowned, Mr. Ismay declares that he has nothing to say. His conduct, he asserts, he is satisfied to leave in the hands of any of the survivors.

He says that he worked for two hours aiding the officers and male passengers in filling the lifeboats on the starboard side and entered the last only because he thought that all others had been provided with places. It was not until after he was safely away from the ship and saw by her blazing lights that there were still crowds of people on her decks, that he realized that a horrible catastrophe was about to take place. It was then too late for him to go back.

Bodies Picked Up.

Fresh developments in the Titanic wreck came yesterday when the cable-ship Makay-Bennett wireless to St. Johns, Newfoundland, that she had picked up 64 bodies of persons believed to have been victims of the collision with the iceberg. There were no names and no identification marks by which any of them could be told, and the captain of the Makay-Bennett said that he was compelled under the circumstances to abandon many of them after taking them on board. Most of the bodies, says the dispatch, were totally unrecognizable from the action of the water.

SEVENTEEN KILLED; HUNDRED INJURED

TORNADO SWEEPS PORTIONS OF ILLINOIS AND INDIANA—DAMAGE HEAVY.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Seventeen men, women and children are reported to have been killed and more than one hundred injured by three tornadoes which swept portions of Illinois and Indiana yesterday afternoon. The deaths are widespread and the damage, which will run into the thousands, also covers a great area. Among the other cities which suffered by the wind, which at times rose to nearly one hundred miles an hour, are Murphysboro, Coal City, Grant Park and Kentland. In some of these places houses were unroofed and trees uprooted.

NOT READY FOR GATE DOCK.

It is more than likely that the big gate for the navy drydock at Pearl Harbor, will be held in Honolulu for months before it is taken to the drydock. The many difficulties encountered in the drydock construction will cause a delay of at least that long and it may run to a year or more, say those best qualified to know.